GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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BANGLADESH REFUGEES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bangladeshi people are residing in the country;

(b) if so, the details and total number of Bangladeshi people residing in the country, State-wise;

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government against them;

(d) whether the Government has not repatriated Bangladeshi people so far after identifying them; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): According to available reports, Bangladeshi nationals have been using porous Indo-Bangladesh border to enter into India illegally. It is difficult to make a realistic estimate about the number of such illegal Bangladeshi immigrants because they enter surreptitiously and are able to mingle easily with the local population due to ethnic and linguistic similarities.

(c) to (e): The State Governments/UT Administrations have been empowered under section 3 (2) (c) of the Foreigners Act, 1946 to detect and deport foreign nationals illegally staying in India. Administrative instructions are issued from time to time requesting the State Governments/UT Administrations to detect and deport illegally staying foreigners.